

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 930

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Don Farmer upon being named the 2009 Trustee of the Year by the Tennessee Library Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Don Farmer, former Mayor of Milan, who has been recognized for his volunteer work promoting libraries and literacy with the 2009 Trustee of the Year Award from the Tennessee Library Association during its convention on March 19; and

WHEREAS, at the convention, Mr. Farmer was presented with a plaque that described him as “a trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in Tennessee”; and

WHEREAS, Don Farmer has served with acumen and alacrity as Reelfoot Library Chairman for eleven years, winning the unbridled respect of all who know him for the exemplary quality of his work; as Chairman of the Regional board, he presides over three public libraries in Gibson County, Humboldt, Milan, and Trenton; and

WHEREAS, Don Farmer devotes countless hours to helping libraries in his community and this great State through his involvement with numerous committees, associations, and other civic organizations; he serves on the state library board for all public, school, hospital, and college libraries and has volunteered since 2005 as Chairman of the Gibson County Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, the Imagination Library is part of a statewide literacy-reading initiative that helps provide books for preschool-age children; Mr. Farmer spearheaded fundraising efforts to bolster the organization, which has 1900 children enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Don Farmer for his stalwart service and dedication to his community, his profession, and the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Don Farmer upon being named the 2009 Trustee of the Year by the Tennessee Library Association, thank him for meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.